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SUBJECT: DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL
ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

REF: A. USNATO 0303

B. USNATO 5966 (DEC 7, 1973)

C. USNATO 5276 (NOV 1, 1973)

D. USNATO 5127 (OCT 25, 1973)

E. STATE 168099 (AUG 23, 1973)

SUMMARY: AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL
ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES MET ON MARCH 8 AND DIS-
CUSSED COUNTRY REPLIES TO SPECIAL QUESTIONNAIRE (AC/281(DR)-
N(73)2) WITH A VIEW TOWARD EXPANDING SECTION ON "FINANCIAL
AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF DEFENSE PLANNING" IN SPRING 1974 AD -70
REPORT. WORKING GROUP AGREED TO ASK NATIONAL AUTHORITIES TO
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SEND EXPERT(S) FROM CAPITALS TO A MID-MAY MEETING TO DEVELOP
EXPANDED NATO QUESTIONNAIRE ON FUNCTIONAL DEFENSE SPENDING
FOR USE IN POST-1974 AD-70 REPORTS. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST
FORWARD US REPLY TO AC/281(DR)-N(73)2. END SUMMARY.

1. AT MARCH 8 MEETING (POSTPONED FROM FEB 5), AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES DISCUSSED COUNTRY REPLIES TO SPECIAL QUESTIONNAIRE, AC/281(DR)-N(73)2, WITH A VIEW TOWARD UTILIZING RESPONSES TO EXPAND SECTION ON "FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF DEFENSE PLANNING" IN SPRING 1974 AD-70 REPORT. CHAIRMAN NOTED EIGHT COUNTRIES HAD RESPONDED TO QUESTIONNAIRE (BELGIUM, DENMARK, GERMANY, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, TURKEY AND UK). HE URGED DELINQUENT COUNTRIES TO FORWARD REPLIES SO AS TO COMPLEAT SECTION ON ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES BETWEEN VARIOUS DEFENSE FUNCTIONS FOR INCORPORATION INTO SPRING AD-70 REPORT.

2. CHAIRMAN CALLED ATTENTION TO AC/281(DR)-WP(74)1, BASED UPON GERMAN REPLY TO SPECIAL QUESTIONNAIRE, WHICH ILLUSTRATED TYPE OF INFORMATION THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN SPRING 1974 REPORT. MOST REPS REACTED UNENTHUSIASTICALLY TO DOCUMENT; THEY FELT DRAFT PAPER DEALT TOO MUCH WITH FUTURE TRENDS AND DID NOT TAKE ADEQUATE ACCOUNT OF ALL FACTORS THAT COULD OR WOULD INFLUENCE TRENDS. CHAIRMAN STRESSED THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO ISSUE A DRAFT PAPER FOR EACH COUNTRY; WP(74)1 WAS ONLY INTENDED TO SERVE AS A MODEL.

3. CHAIRMAN FURTHER EMPHASIZED THAT WITHOUT A US REPLY THE TASK OF RELATING RESOURCES TO FUNCTIONAL FORCES CAPABILITIES WOULD BE ALMOST MEANINGLESS. CHAIRMAN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT US HAD SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN ALLOCATING FUNCTIONAL DEFENSE EXPENDITURES TO REGIONS AND IN ALLOCATING EQUIPMENT TO FUTURE FORCES BY REGION; HOWEVER, HE HOPED US COULD FURNISH A LIMITED REPLY COVERING AS A MINIMUM FORCES DEPLOYED IN EUROPE AND US STRATEGIC RESERVE. CHAIRMAN RECOGNIZED US PROBLEMS IN REPORTING FUTURE DEFENSE EXPENDITURES TO NATO AND STATED IT WOULD BE HELPFUL EVEN IF US ONLY REPORTED PATTERN OF SPENDING FROM 1970 THROUGH 1974.

4. STATE 168099 (AUG 23, 1973) VOICES US SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT OF COLLECTING DATA WHICH DISPLAYS ALLIANCE EXPENDITURES ON FUNCTIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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AND REGIONAL BASIS. ACTION REQUESTED: ON ASSUMPTION US SUPPORTS NATO'S EFFORTS TO BEEF UP SECTION ON "FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASIS OF DEFENSE PLANNING" IN SPRING 1974 AD-70 REPORT, REQUEST FORWARD US REPLY TO AC/281(DR)-N(73)2 (SEE USNATO 5966).

AT INSISTENCE OF DANISH AND NORWEGIAN REPS, WORKING GROUP AGREED TO ASK NATIONAL AUTHORITIES TO SEND EXPERT(S) FROM CAPITALS TO A MEETING TO DEVELOP A QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH WOULD GIVE MORE DETAILED COVERAGE OF FUNCTIONAL DEFENSE EXPENDITURES FOR USE IN POST-1974 AD-70 REPORTS. CHAIRMAN SAID CURRENT QUESTIONNAIRE COVERS ONLY SELECTED MAJOR EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES INCLUDING ASSOCIATED R&D COSTS, AND CITED FUTURE NEED FOR

INFORMATION ON PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT EXPENDITURES. CHAIRMAN EMPHASIZED THAT EXPERTS MEETING WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON SPRING 1974 AD-70 REPORT. WG DECIDED IT WOULD BE BEST TO CONVENE EXPERTS MEETING AFTER PREPARATION OF DRAFT SPRING 1974 AD-70 REPORT SINCE DRAFT REPORT SHOULD SHED FURTHER LIGHT ON WHAT EWG IS EXPECTING FROM FINANCIAL EXPERTS. CHAIRMAN NOTED DATE OF EXPERTS MEETING HAD CONTINUALLY SLIPPED; HE SAID HE WOULD SET MEETING FOR MID-MAY. DECISION SHEET ON MARCH 8 MEETING IS TO SET EXACT DATES FOR MEETING.
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